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Federal Election Commission
999 E. Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

Re:

George Moretz
MUR 5468

Our File No. 702436.001

Dear Mr. Jordan:

We represent the George Moretz for Congress Committee. Enclosed is a copy of your completed statement of designation of counsel form.

Please accept this letter as a response by the Committee to MUR 5468. This complaint is frivolous for the following reasons:

- 1. The North Carolina Primary is being conducted today, July 20, 2004. We do not have a presidential primary for the Republican Party as President Bush did not have opposition in North Carolina. Thus, any funds expensed by the Committee to produce or publicize the challenged advertisement could not have been spent to influence the nomination of President Bush and cannot, under any circumstances, be considered a contribution to influence the Presidential Primary.
- 2. Many candidates of both parties have made President Bush's policy on the War on Terrorism a significant issue in this year's election cycle. Further, whether a candidate supports or opposes President Bush's policy is itself a significant campaign issue. The advertisement run by the Committee merely established that Candidate Moretz supports President Bush's policy.

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3. There was no connection between the Committee or any individual associated with President Bush's re-election campaign. This advertisement was produced and published by the Moretz Committee solely to support the nomination of Mr. Moretz in the July 20, 2004, Republican Party, and to distinguish Mr. Moretz from other Republican candidates for Congress for this Congressional election.

For the foregoing reasons, we request that this matter be dismissed.

Please let me know if you require other information. Thank you for your consideration.

Vefy\truly yours,

Thomas A. Farr

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## STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

Please use one form for each respondant. MUR\_5468 Thomas A. Farr, Esquire NAME OF COUNSEL: Haynsworth Baldwin Johnson & Greaves 1400 Crescent Green, Suite 320 ADDRESS: Cary, North Carolina 27511' TELEPHONE: 919 652.3480 FAX: 919 ) 233.9988 The above-named individual is hereby designated as my course! and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission. George Moretz Print Name Comeditate-7-20-04 Date RESPONDENT'S NAME: George Moretz for Congress Committee 1410 4th Street Drive NW ADDRESS: Suite 102 Hickory, North Carolina 28601